

NOAA Weather Wire Service (NWWS) Recompetition

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Current System

- Current NWS is operated by GTE under contract to NWS.
- Satellite uplinks at 67 NWS offices.
- Satellite downlinks funded by NWS are provided at one “emergency management” office in each state.
- Over 1100 external users contract directly with GTE for receiving equipment and service.
- Watches and warnings are typically received at user sites within 5 seconds of issuance from NWS office.

Objectives of New System

- Higher data rate (9600 bps)
- Support expanded product suite
- Uplinks will be provided at **all** WFOs, RFCs, and selected National Centers.

Current Contract

- System contractor: GTE Government Systems
- Awarded April 1, 1988
- Expires March 31, 2000

New Contract

- Draft RFP available on Internet since October 1997.
(www.nws.noaa.gov/oso/oso1)
- Official RFP scheduled for release by January 31.
- Contract award expected by July 1999.
- Length of contract: base year plus 9 option years.